

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Media subscriptions**

Question: **221**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014**

1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  - a. a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.
  - b. b) What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
  - c. c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d. d) What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  - a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
  - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
3. 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?
  - a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.
  - b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
  - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?
  - a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.
  - b. What is the cost from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
  - c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?
  - d. What is the cost for this from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?

**Answer**

- 1a. The following pay TV channels are provided free of charge to DPS for distribution throughout Parliament House:
- SKY Business Channel
  - SKY News
  - CNN International
  - BBC World
  - CNBC Australia
  - Al Jazeera
  - A-PAC
  - Bloomberg
  - Fox Sports 1, 2 and 3
  - Fox News
  - Sky News Weather
  - Australia Network

The programs provide Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, their staff and staff of parliamentary departments with access to the content of publicly broadcast TV, current affairs programs, documentaries and other programs of interest that relate to their parliamentary and representational duties.

- 1b. Not applicable.

1c. Library services are provided on the basis of equality of access to all Senators and Members.

1d. Not applicable.

2 (a) The Parliamentary Library subscribes to hardcopy regional, national and overseas newspapers for use by Senators and Members and their staff, as well as Library and other DPS officers. This supports the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff.

**Regional newspapers**

Norfolk Islander  
Geelong Advertiser  
Barrier Daily Truth  
Border Mail  
Goulburn Post  
Herald - Newcastle  
Maitland Mercury  
Northern Star  
Cairns Post  
Chronicle Toowoomba  
Gold Coast Bulletin  
Tasmanian Country  
Sunshine Coast Daily  
Townsville Bulletin  
Yorke Peninsula Country Times  
Advocate - Burnie  
Examiner - Launceston  
Bendigo Advertiser  
Northern Times  
Spectator - Hamilton  
Sunraysia daily  
Wimmera Mail Times  
The Kalgoorlie Miner  
Queensland Country Life

**Overseas newspapers**

Papua New Guinea Post Courier  
Jakarta Post  
Guardian weekly

**National newspapers**

Canberra Times (including Saturday & Sunday editions)  
Sydney Morning Herald (including weekend edition)  
The Age (including Saturday and Sunday editions)  
The Australian (including weekend edition)  
Australian Financial Review (including weekend edition)  
The Saturday Paper

Online newspapers are also available through iSentia MediaPortal, NewsBank, Library Press Display and ANZ Newsstand.

- 2b. From the Additional Estimates in February to 17 June 2014, the Library spent \$13,166.91 on newspaper subscriptions (International \$6,567.00 and Australian \$6,599.91).
- 2c. Library services are provided on the basis of equality of access to all Senators and Members.
- 2d. Not applicable.
- 3a. The Parliamentary Library subscribes to 4,243 print and 26,742 electronic magazines/journals (serials) for use by Senators and Members and their staff to support the provision of information, analysis and advice. These titles are listed in the Library's catalogue; it is not practicable to include a full list of these titles here. Additionally, DPS work areas sometimes require magazine subscriptions to assist with their operational activities (e.g. technical manuals). These resources are classified as working tools and, although managed by the Parliamentary Library, are paid by the user areas.
- 3b. Magazines/journals for the Parliamentary Library collections are purchased by annual subscription. From the Additional Estimates in February to 17 June 2014, the Library spent \$336,171.40 on such subscriptions and DPS expended a further \$6,979.39 on them.
- 3c. Library services are provided on the basis of equality of access to all Senators and Members.
- 3d. Not applicable.
- 4a. The Parliamentary Library purchases hardcopy publications for use by Senators and Members and their staff, as well as Library and other DPS officers. This supports the provision of information, analysis and advice to Senators and Members and their staff.
- 4b. From the Additional Estimates in February to 17 June 2014, the Library spent \$259,715.96 on publications.
- 4c. Library services are provided on the basis of equality of access to all Senators and Members.
- 4d. Not applicable.